

Need-Based Financial Aid Program scholarship. Most students will be limited to 9 semesters (or the equivalent if enrolled part-time); students enrolled in Five-Year Programs are limited to 11. Additionally, effective July 1, 2012, the federal Pell Grant program limits students to a lifetime maximum award of the equivalent of six years. These financial aid time limits could also impact a student's time-to-degree.

Finally, and as previously noted, ensuring a timely graduation requires planning course load and degree progression in advance; any potential effect of the recent surcharge increase may take several years to produce a change in the time-to-degree. An additional review after several years could more accurately judge the effect.

### **Revenue Generated from Surcharge Assessments**

#### *Number of Students Subject to the Surcharge*

S.L. 2012-142, Sec. 9.8, required this report to examine the number of students subject to the surcharge in the last five academic years; Figure 4 shows the data that each campus reported. The surcharge is levied each semester on any student who both exceeds the credit-hour cap and the four-year limit; thus, the same student may pay the surcharge for multiple semesters before graduating, and may show up in multiple columns in Figure 4.<sup>3</sup>

**Figure 4. Students Assessed a Tuition Surcharge by Semester, FY 2007-08 to FY 2011-12**

	<b><u>2007-08</u></b>		<b><u>2008-09</u></b>		<b><u>2009-10</u></b>		<b><u>2010-11</u></b>		<b><u>2011-12</u></b>	
	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>
<b>ASU</b>	200	319	293	418	273	429	268	378	277	444
<b>ECSU</b>	110	171	114	215	194	181	191	231	199	228
<b>ECU</b>	134	400	344	378	271	336	409	565	458	593
<b>FSU</b>	(a)	(a)	(a)	490	474	509	658	660	379	335
<b>NCA&amp;T</b>	207	(b)	329	929	753	884	446	753	444	477
<b>NCCU</b>	130	300	205	290	226	380	191	279	157	194
<b>NCSU</b>	325	463	307	400	266	462	256	407	300	378
<b>UNCA</b>	134	198	143	175	160	205	160	159	130	151
<b>UNCC</b>	634	812	549	781	594	805	568	745	477	609
<b>UNCCH</b>	28	31	24	43	28	50	11	12	5	14
<b>UNCG</b>	270	368	302	409	301	442	214	453	294	445
<b>UNCP</b>	151	183	171	185	171	219	171	173	99	112
<b>UNCSA</b>	(c)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
<b>UNCW</b>	186	197	195	276	174	250	89	105	59	113
<b>WCU</b>	-	334	257	318	269	320	79	148	104	133
<b>WSSU</b>	(d)	(d)	149	306	144	202	133	146	263	356
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,509</b>	<b>3,776</b>	<b>3,382</b>	<b>5,613</b>	<b>4,298</b>	<b>5,674</b>	<b>3,844</b>	<b>5,214</b>	<b>3,646</b>	<b>4,583</b>

Source: Survey of UNC System Campuses

Notes:

- a) FSU did not have data available for the Fall 2007, Spring 2008 or Fall 2008 semesters.
- b) NCA&T has no record of students being assessed a surcharge in Spring 2008.
- c) The UNC School of the Arts rarely has students subject to the surcharge because the coursework for their unique degree programs is generally proscribed, and it is rare for a student to change programs outside their Art School.
- d) WSSU inadvertently did not assess the surcharge in Fall 2007 or Spring 2008.

<sup>3</sup>S.L. 2012-141, Sec. 9.8 directed this study to include a count of "the number of students subject to surcharge in each of the last five academic years..." However, because a student may be subject to a surcharge in more than one academic year, students would have been counted in more than one academic year. After discussions with The University of North Carolina, FRD determined that providing a count of students assessed a surcharge each semester would provide legislators a more accurate representation of tuition surcharges.